Subject: California silver dollar
+ coin collection -- selling of.

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Mr. Howland Wood.
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New York. N.Y.

Sir: I am a collectn of rare coins and I have a few in my possesion that I would sell if a fair price was offerd. I also have a dollar that I belive is one of the old Calafornia silver dollars but it has become worn mutel the date is completely gone.
I would be glad to get this classified if possiable as I can not locate it in any of my books on coins.
I have one 1894 S mint dime but it is mutilated.
There is also a copper coin by the old East India Company dated 1719

This coin has the numeral (5) upon.
It is one of the original coins given to
Capt Henry Allen a free trade ~~token~~
by Jean Lafitte before the battle of
New Orleans in 1812.
This coin has been passed from gener-
ation to generation in the Allen
family a memento of the friend-
ship that existed between the above
named sea captain and the pirate
Jean Lafitte.
I believe it is the only one in
private hands today.
If you are interested in such a collect-
ion I will be glad to send you same
for your inspection and will consider
a fair offer.

Thanking you.

Yours Truly,

Wm. N. Garner,
2026 Broad St.

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Mr. William W. Garner
2026 Broad Street
Augusta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

If you would care to forward your coins to us we could examine them. We only buy those coins that we desire for our own Museum, but if you have anything worth while we could probably sell it for you more advantageously than you could yourself. I do not understand what you mean by a California silver dollar. Whatever it is, it is worth little as it is so badly worn. Your 1894 S mint dime may or may not be an alteration - the chances are that it is. I can tell you nothing about your East India coin without seeing it.

Very truly yours,

Curator.